Installation Instructions

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There are two file types: DIT11.mdb and DIT.exe. Each contains a working version of the Design Intent Tool database.

DIT11.mdb: (4+ MB compacted) This is the Access database file that contains only the DIT tool. Use this if you want to make any modifications to the forms, by holding the shift key down when opening the file and go to the Forms tab and click on the Frm_Main_Switch file.

DIT.exe: (10+ MB zipped) This is the full executable version of the tool with the lab design guide bundled in it. Double click on this file to install. Follow the installation instructions until you get to the installation type choices, then

Use "Typical" or "Compact" options (they are both the same) if you **do not** have Access 97 on your computer. This will install the Design Intent Tool, the energy design guide and a runtime version of Access.

Use Custom if you already have Access 97 on your computer and deselect "Runtime" and "Work Group Administrator." This will install the Design Intent Tool and the energy design guide, but not the runtime version of Access.

Both installations will put a Design Intent Tool choice in your Windows Program folder like typical installation programs.

Printing Reports and Saving as Word Documents

1. To print report, press one of the DIT print buttons to preveiw the report, then press the access print button to send it to the printer.
2. To save as a Word Document:
    Press one of the DIT print buttons to preview the report, then press the "**W**"icon in the tool bar and select .rtf. This will open the report in .rtf format in Word.
    The page numbers will be in the text body, not the page footers. If many edits are made, all page numbers will have to be deleted and set up again in the Word Footer.

Miscellaneous Instructions and Notes

1. Help Function. The Answer Works Help function is not fully operable unless you have previously installed the design guide (the required.dll files are still not known). However, the standard Help function works without the Answer Works function, if you use the Cntrl-V method. After pressing the Help button, you will be launched into the Find tab

of help. Just press Cntrl-V and the current Design Objective Category will be pasted in the find box. Then press Display and you will be taken to that area in the design Guide.

2. To be able to edit the forms, (in the non-executable version) when you open the file, hold the shift key down as you open the .mdb file. The file will open up in the Access document view, not with the splash screen that gives you a button to continue. Go to the "Forms" tab and double click on the "Frm_Main_Switch" form to start the tool.

3. The save button is a placebo (it does nothing) Access is always saving.

4. If you change the forms, you may want to rename the database file from Windows Explorer after copying it to a new location. (only if you are using the .mdb version)

5. Before sending the file to someone, if you've changed any forms or added a lot of data, compact the database from by going to Tools/Database Utilities/Compact.

6. To put a version of just the database (not the design guide) up on the web for download. First make a version that can't be modified or the code accessed by making a ".MDE" file from Tools/Database Utilities.

Major DIT Changes from Last Release
As of 12/17/99

1. At the Design Area screen, there is now a button that opens a paragraph of text giving the abstract information about that particular Design Area.

2. The text of the various components of Design Intent have been replaced with the text we talked about and I provided to you in a work document on 10/7/99 along with a few additional clarifying terms. This area, "Design Intent Component," is the glossary for the Design Intent Tool.

3. The organization of these components has been reworked with a different layout for moving between them (changed from tabs to a list at the left of the screen).

4. Access to these component definitions/glossary is directly accessible from most input screens by clicking of the "Components of Design Intent" button.

5. The term Performance Objective has been replaced with Design Concept.

6. With in the "Design Intent Components" there is a button called "Design Intent Document Outline" This has an outline of the Design Intent Document structure in it.

7. A save button with a visual "Saving" screen that is flashed a few seconds has been added.